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PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion now on the bill? Question is, shall LB 428 as amended be advanced from General File to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Voting on the advancement of LB 428. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, no nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: That brings up LB 492 and then after that we're going to revert back to Senator Syas' 331, momentarily.

CLERK: Reads title.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I move the committee amendments be adopted.

PRESIDENT: No committee amendments, I don't think. Were there committee amendments?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Sorry.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Do you have them there, Vince?

CLERK: Yes.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Okay, this simply is a definition of permanent full time employee and a part time employee. Only for clarification and I'll explain the bill as a whole including the amendments. So I move the amendments be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the amendments? The question is, shall the committee amendments be adopted? All those in favor of the motion say aye, those opposed say no. Committee amendments are adopted. Back to you, Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I move that the bill LB 492 be advanced to E & R Initial. LB 492 would provide that any person who is a member of the State Employees Retirement System terminates his employment, withdraws the amount in his employee account and later returns to temporary employment shall not again participate in the retirement system. The purpose of LB 492 is to eliminate the expenses involved in setting up records, withholding contributions, crediting interest, etc. for this category of employees. It should be noted that this bill applies only to those who have left state employment once and not to new employees. Apparently it is fairly common for temporary employees to start and stop employment several times and this bill would remove the necessity of continually enrolling and terminating them from the retirement system after their first termination. This bill will have no fiscal impact on the state and could actually reduce the administrative expenses of the State. Kenneth Steinmiller, Director of Public Employees Retirement Board appeared in support of the bill. He suggested that there would be some amendments in order to clarify the bill and make it easier to administer and that was what we did when we put the amendment on. Certain employees have asked for this bill and with no fiscal impact, I move that it be advanced to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion of the bill? Question is, shall LB 492 as amended be advanced from General